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SUBJ: COCOA: ALLEGED DETENTION OF GHANA COCOA BEANS BY
US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE HAS ASKED EMBASSY TRY ARRANGE ENTRY INTO US OF 1200 BAGS (75 TONS) COCOA BEANS ALLEGEDLY DETAINED BY US CUSTOMS ON INSTRUCTION FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE BEANS CONTAIN LINDANE (PESTICIDE KNOWN COMMERCIALY AS GAMMALIN).

2. GHANA COCOA MARKETING BOARD (GCMB), IN RESPONSE EMBOFF REQUEST FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SAID GCMB RECEIVED LETTER FROM LONRAY, INC., 77 WATER STREET, NEW YORK CITY, COMPLAINING THAT FDA HAD PREVENTED IT FROM TAKING DELIVERY. GCMB UNDERSTANDS FDA ACTION NOT BASED ON ANY PARTICULAR LEVEL OF LINDANE

AND THAT USG HAS NOT ESTABLISHED TOLERANCE LEVEL. GCMB STATES USE OF LINDANE ON COCOA TREES NEARLY UNIVERSAL (BRAZIL AS WELL AS AFRICA) AND THAT GHANA COCOA BEANS AVERAGE TWO PARTS PER MILLION (PPM) AND PROBABLY NEVER REACH 3 PPM. COPY OF MFA NOTE POUCHED APRIL 16 TO AF/W - BISHOP.

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3. REQUEST DEPT INVESTIGATE AND PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH BASIS

FOR RESPONSE TO MFA AND GCMB.

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